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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2078)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 3, 2016)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and providing insurance coverage for
2 medication synchronization.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **514C.5A Prescription drug**
2 **medication synchronization.**

3 1. A carrier, as defined in section 513B.2, that provides
4 prescription drug coverage through a policy or contract
5 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed on or
6 after January 1, 2017, shall offer medication synchronization
7 services that allow for the alignment of refill dates for a
8 covered individual's prescription drugs that are a covered
9 benefit. Such carrier shall comply with all of the following:
10 a. Shall not deny coverage and shall prorate the cost
11 sharing rate for a prescription drug that is a covered benefit
12 and is dispensed by a network pharmacy in less than the
13 standard refill amount, if the covered individual requests
14 both enrollment in a medication synchronization program and a
15 less-than-standard refill amount for the purposes of medication
16 synchronization.

17 b. Shall accept early refill and short fill requests for
18 prescription drugs using the submission clarification and
19 message codes adopted by the national council for prescription
20 drug plans or alternative codes specified by the carrier.

21 c. Shall pay the ingredient cost and the dispensing fee
22 in accordance with the contracted rate for each submitted
23 claim, regardless of the days' supply specified in the claim
24 submitted.

25 2. For purposes of this section, "*medication*
26 *synchronization*" means the coordination of medication refills
27 for a patient taking two or more medications for a chronic
28 condition that are dispensed by a single network pharmacy to
29 facilitate the synchronization of an individual's medications
30 for the purpose of improving medication adherence.